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--- PACKAGED PROGRAMS

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1. LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ECON PACKAGE HAS JUST BEEN
COMPILED BY ICS AND RECEIVED IN CU. BEFORE APPROACHING ANY,
HOWEVER, CU WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REACTION AND INDI-
CATION OF DESIRED PRIORITY SELECTION.

2. SUGGESTED NAMES:

U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

-- A. THOMAS D. WILLETT: TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S
"WUNDERKIND". DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH
SINCE 1972. YOUTHFUL BUT HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND AUTHORITA-
TIVE.

-- B. EDGAR R. FIEDLER: HAS BEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
TREASURY FOR ECONOMIC POLICY SINCE 1971. VERY GOOD SPEAKER.
IS RESIGNING TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE BOARD.

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-- C. PAUL MACAVOY: MEMBER CEA. UNTIL RECENTLY AT MIT.
VERY GOOD SPEAKER.

-- D. HENRY WALLICH: FORMERLY PROFESSOR AT YALE,
NEWSWEEK JOURNALIST, MEMBER CEA. PRESENTLY, MEMBER, BOARD
OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE. HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY
PROGRAMMED AND IS HIGHLY RESPECTED IN INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

-- E. HOLLIS B. CHENERY: VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT
POLICY AT WORLD BANK. VERY GOOD BUT VERY BUSY.

ACADEMICS/JOURNALISTS:

-- F. LEONARD SILK: NEW YORK TIMES ECONOMIC EDITOR.
VERY PERSONABLE.

-- G. RONALD MCKINNON: PROFESSOR AT STANFORD. SOLID.
RESPECTED ACADEMIC, NOT TERRIBLY DYNAMIC, THOUGH SPEAKS
CONVINCINGLY.

-- H. ARTHUR LAFFER: PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.
CONSIDERED ONE OF BRIGHTEST YOUNG (36) ECONOMISTS IN U.S.,
THOROUGHLY INVOLVED IN PROFESSION. CONSULTANT TO
SECRETARY SIMON, CONTRIBUTOR TO WALL STREET JOURNAL. VERY
ARTICULATE, PERSONABLE.

-- I. ALBERT G. SOMMERS: CHIEF ECONOMIST OF THE CON-
FERENCE BOARD. VERY EFFECTIVE, AUTHORITATIVE
SPEAKER.

--J. PAUL WONNACOTT: FORMERLY SENIOR ECONOMIST, CEA;
PRESENTLY PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. THOUGH
NEVER PROGRAMMED, HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY PAUL MCCRACKEN.

-- K. LESTER LAVE: PROFESSOR AND HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMICS AT CARNEGIE MELLON INSTITUTE. HIGHLY
RESPECTED BY PEERS AND EVALUATED AS "TOP NOTCH" BY
USIS OFFICERS.

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-- L. WILLIAM E. GIBSON: YOUTHFUL "WUNDERKIND";
FORMERLY SENIOR STAFF ECONOMIST AT CEA. PRESENTLY SENIOR
STAFF MEMBER AT BROOKINGS. VERY ARTICULATE.

U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES:

-- M. JOHN HENNESSY: FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
TREASURY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; PARTNER, FIRST BOSTON,

INC., NEW YORK; PROGRAMMED SUCCESSFULLY IN JAPAN 1974 AND ELSEWHERE 1973.

-- N. WALKER E. HOADLEY: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF ECONOMIST, COORDINATOR OF PLANNING, BANK OF AMERICA, SINCE 1966. EXCELENT RESOURCE PERSON, KNOWS ABOUT USIS PROGRAMS AND IS SUPPORTIVE OF THEM, BUT PROBABLY COULD NOT SPARE 3-4 WEEKS IN VIEW HIS POSITION.

-- O. A. W. CLAUSEN: PRESIDENT, BANK OF AMERICA. TOP NOTCH. NEVER PROGRAMMED.

-- P. ROBERT ROOSA: FORMER UNDER SECRETARY OF TREASURY (UNDER KENNEDY). PARTNER, BROWN BROTHERS, HARRIMAN & CO., N.Y. DOES CONSIDERABLE LECTURING IN EUROPE UNDER COMPANY-ARRANGED ENGAGEMENTS. GENERALLY SUPPORTS USIS PROGRAMS.

-- Q. WILLIS ARMSTRONG: FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS; PRESENTLY AT U.S. COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

3. ON PLURALISM IN USA, PACKAGE, RICHARD SCAMMON HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE FOR TWO OR TWO-AND-A-HALF WEEKS IN JAPAN, MOST LIKELY FROM MID-NOVEMBER. SPECIFIC TIMING WILL BE WORKED OUT LATER. DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SEYMOUR LIPSET WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST. WILL CONTACT HIM AGAIN IN EARLY FALL, WHEN HE MOVES TO STANFORD U., TO GET HIS SML ON THE DOTTED LINE. LETTER EXPLAINING PACKAGE AND INVITATION EXTENDED TO CONGRESSWOMAN YVONNE BURKE, WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT PERIOD IN LATE OCTOBER, EARLY NOVEMBER. NO RESPONSE FROM HER OFFICE YET.

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4. CONCEPTS FOR BOTH PACKAGES SEEM QUITE SOUND. IF ECONOMIC INDICATORS CONTINUE TO AUGUR THE END OF THE "RECESSION", ECON PACKAGE IN PARTICULAR SHOULD PROVIDE STIMULATING SOUNDING BOARD FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON MACRO- AND MICRO-ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT.

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